

18 August 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Electronics Conference, Economic 25X1X7
Intelligence Session

1. As a result of intelligence gains, particularly in the field of scientific and technical intelligence, from past sessions of the [REDACTED] Electronics Conference, the EIC Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications (EIC/ETSC) agreed upon the desirability of a separate conference or a separate session of the formally recognized Electronics Conference. This session would be devoted specifically to economic aspects of intelligence on Sino-Soviet bloc electronics. The subject was explored with [REDACTED] 25X1X7

25X1X7 [REDACTED] Both informally expressed warm interest in such a session.

2. The EIC/ETSC has, therefore, prepared a statement of objectives for a Conference Session devoted to economic intelligence on the Electronics Industry and Telecommunications Facilities, together with a suggested list of agenda items which are felt to be appropriate at this time. A similar statement and suggested agenda has been prepared by the conference arrangements group of the Scientific Intimates Committee relating to the Scientific and Technical Session, and this has been forwarded to [REDACTED]

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3. It is agreed within the U. S. intelligence community that, in proposals forwarded [REDACTED] agenda arrangements be carried out separately for the Scientific Session and the Economic Session, with necessary coordination. [REDACTED] in forwarding the 25X1A9a agenda for the Scientific Session, indicated to [REDACTED] the U. S. feeling that the Economic Session should follow the Scientific. The Economic Session would, therefore, convene on 15 October 1958, following the closing comments of the Scientific Session, and would continue through 17 October 1958. In the U. S. delegation, several delegates and observers will participate in the Conference in both an economic and a scientific and technical capacity. The lists of delegates and observers will, however, also be submitted separately by [REDACTED] and myself. 25X1A9a 25X1X7

4. The Office of Research and Reports is acting on behalf of the EIC/ETSC in forwarding the attached document for presentation to the Director, [REDACTED] for consideration. Please insure that the detailed proposals contained in this document are interpreted as suggestions only. The other participants are urged to advance any counter proposals or suggestions they deem appropriate. The U. S. desires to support the host country to the extent this support would assist in completing arrangements for the Conference. To this end the U. S. suggestions include commitments to prepare a number of conference documents. On any of these subjects, or

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on additional topics, the U. S. would gladly defer to papers prepared by [REDACTED] where their current effort would place them in a favorable position to prepare such papers.

5. In order that preparations for the Economic Session be carried out without difficulty or undue delay, it is requested that you communicate to me any information or requests for information which the other participants require in order to conclude their own arrangements. It would be of assistance to the U. S. Delegation to be notified of the number of persons from each country who will participate in the Economic Session. It would be convenient if you could arrange that I, as the officer leading the U. S. group at the Economic Session, would have a point of contact within [REDACTED] for informal correspondence concerning arrangements for the Economic Session. Normal channels would continue to be used.

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6. The Economic Session will be held at the same security classification level as the Scientific Session.

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